

- (1) The term 'minority-business' means a business:
  - a. In which at least fifty-one percent (51%) is owned by one or more minority persons, or in the case of a corporation, in which at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock is owned by one or more minority persons; and
  - b. Of which the management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the minority persons who own it.
- (2) The term 'minority person' means a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:
  - a. Black, that is, a person having origins in any of the black racial groups in Africa;
  - b. Hispanic, that is, a person of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race;
  - c. Asian American, that is, a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia and Asia, the Indian subcontinent, the Pacific Islands;
  - d. American Indian or Alaskan Native, that is, a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America; or
  - e. Female.
- (3) The term 'verifiable goal' means for purposes of the separate prime contract system, that the awarding authority has adopted written guidelines specifying the actions that will be taken to ensure a good faith effort in the recruitment and selection of minority businesses for participation in contracts awarded under this section; and
- (4) The term 'verifiable goal' means for purposes of the single-prime contract system, that the awarding authority has adopted written guidelines specifying the actions that the prime contractor must take to ensure a good faith effort in the recruitment and selection of minority businesses for participation in contracts awarded under this section; the required actions must be documented in writing by the contractor to the appropriate awarding authority.
- (d) The State and its political subdivisions shall award public contracts pursuant to this section without regard to race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicapping condition, as defined in G.S. 168A-3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require contractors or awarding authorities to award contracts or subcontracts to or to make purchases of materials or equipment from